GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSRACT

Public Services - PR&RD Dept. – Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Divison now at Vijayawada of Krishna District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rule, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 165 Dated: 24-03-2021

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.852, PR&RD(Vig.II) Dept., dt.23.09.2016.
3. From Govt.Memo.No.8292/Vig.III/16, dt.23.09.2016.
4. From CPR&RD, Lr.No.6513/CPR&RD/E2.Vig/2016, dt.19.06.2017.
5. From CPR&RD, Lr.No.1066128/CPR&RD/Vig/2016, dt.30.11.2020.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hakkumpeta Gram Panchayat now at Vijayawada of Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule (20) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witness by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III and Annexure –IV).

3. Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hukumpeta Gram Panchayat now at Vijayawada of Krishna District is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date receipt of this order.

4. Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hukumpeta Gram Panchayat now at Vijayawada of Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hukumpeta Gram Panchayat now at Vijayawada of Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions o Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the order / directions issued in pursuance of said rules, the Inquiry authority hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available.

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6. Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hukumpeta Gram Panchayat now at Vijayawada of Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) rules, 1964, under which no government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged along with Annexures I, II, III and IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division now at Vijayawada of Krishna District through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District (2 copies) (With a request to serve Original Notice on the Charged Officer with dated signature and send the same for record).
Sc/Sf.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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(Contd-Annexures.I to IV)

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.P.CHANDRA SEKHAR, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM DIVISION AND SPECIAL OFFICER, HUKUMPETA GRAM PANCHAYAT NOW AT VIJAYAWADA OF KRISHNA DISTRICT.

Article of Charge:-

That the said Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, while working as the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hukumpeta Gram Panchayat has

1. For issuing cheques on the name of trader instead of firm name and made cash payments to the trader by violating AP Financial Code.
2. Failed to insepct the Gram Panchayats as specified in the A.P. Panchayat Raj Act, 1994.

Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Division and Special Officer of Hukumpeta Gram Panchayat now at Vijayawada of Krishna District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.P. CHANDRA SEKHAR, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL NOW AT VIJAYAWADA OF KRISHNA DISTRICT.

Based on the complaint petition received from Hon'ble MLA Sri Gorantla Buchaiah Choudary, the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of misuse of Panchayat funds, formation of irregular layouts & unauthorized building constructions by the Panchayat Secretaries of Bommuru, Katheru, Hukumpeta and Pidimgoyyi Gram Panchayats of Rajahmundry Rural Mandal with the collusion of higher authorities causing irreparable loss to the Govt. income, and as per Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016, it was found that misuse of panchayat funds, not maintained purchase bills & Registers, issuing cheques against codal provisions and 14 Buildings in Bommuru, 13 buildings in Katheru, 69 buildings in Hukumpeta and 30 Buildings in Pidimgoyyi villages are constructed by violating approved plan of concerned Panchayat secretaries. The village wise list of misuse of GP funds and unauthorized buildings is appended to the V&E report.

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In compliance of the Section.30 of A.P.P.R. Act, 1994, the Special Officer is having the same powers of the Sarapanch of that Panchayat. According to that section, before giving approval to expenditure and issuing cheques, they should scrutinize properly. But the Special Officer failed to do so and simply issued cheque due to which huge amount of Panchayat funds were diverted. Further, being the Divisional Panchayat Officer, he failed to inspect the Gram Panchayats as in the A.P. Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. The GA (V&E) Department has proposed to initiate action against Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal now at Vijayawada of Krishna District.

Sri K.P. Chandra Sekhar, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Rajamahendravaram Rural Mandal now at Vijayawada of Krishna District, by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated Rule (3) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.P. CHANDRA SEKHAR, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM DIVISION NOW AT VIJAYAWADA OF KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Vigilance Report No.36 (C.No.803/V&E/D2/2014), dt.29.04.2016.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.P. CHANDRA SEKHAR, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL NOW AT VIJAYAWADA OF KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

----- NIL --------

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